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Draft report

Addendum

Rapporteur: Mr. Denis A. Davis

Action taken by the Committee

Issues concerning the International Round-table on Mining and the Environment, held in Berlin in 1981, and implications of environmental protection and conservation policies and strategies in the mineral sector

(Agenda item 12)

1. At the ____ meeting, on __ April 1993, the Chairman of the Committee made the following statement on behalf of the Committee:

In accordance with its new terms of reference and especially underlining the sustainable development of mineral and water resources, the Committee on Natural Resources stresses the importance of this item.

The Committee proposes for consideration at its second session an item entitled "Implications of environmental protection and conservation policies and strategies in the mineral sector".

The Committee recommends:

(a) That the Secretary-General be requested by the Economic and Social Council to prepare for the second session of the Committee a report on the effects of changing environmental legislation and regulations applicable to the mining industry on a global basis;

(b) The preparation of a series of studies by concerned entities of the United Nations system, on environmental impacts on exploration and mining in developing countries and economies in transition, starting with precious and base metals;

(c) A review of state-of-the-art technologies dealing with processing of mining waste and tailings for the recovery of useful mineral components in order to alleviate disposal problems."